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Dear Sirs:

I feel strongly that Microsoft's innovation in computer operating systems has been the driving force behind the rapid expansion of computers into almost every business and home. Some business practices, while structured to further the growth of their company, have not hurt the consumer. To the contrary, their continuous innovations have consistently expanded the usefulness of computers at continuously lower cost.

The antitrust suit may have had some merit relatively to their competitors but little or no value to consumers. The antitrust proceedings seem to have the tone of a vendetta rather than rational legal proceedings. The time has come to end it.

Sincerely,

Thomas and Beverly Thornton Honer & Beverly Thorator

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